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Applicant(s): Egger et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INDEXING, SEARCHING AND
DISPLAYING DATA. This application is a continuation - in - part of
U.S. Application Serial No. 08/076,658, filed June 14, 1993.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is in reply to Paper No. 4, mailed September 9, 1997, which indicates that claims 1-98 in the above application are subject to restriction. A Petition for Extension of Period of Response and fee is filed herewith.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143, Applicant traverses the restriction requirement, requests reconsideration, and provisionally elects Group I, which includes claims 1-38. As argued below, applicant also requests that Group II (claims 22-26) and Group III (claims 39-54, and 60-79) be examined with the Group I claims.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the necessary conditions for a proper restriction requirement under MPEP § 803 et seq. have not been satisfied, and, therefore, the restriction must be reconsidered and withdrawn.